Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—" May I know if the Government think that she would commit the same forcible conversions now ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" More or less."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—" May I know whether there were any instances of forcible conversions after the rebellion ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because no persons were given opportunities of doing so."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—" Do the Government think there are opportunities for any person to commit forcible conversions now ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I think so."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know what abominable acts she is likely to commit ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I cannot give information as to the acts which she is likely to commit."

Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB :—" May I ask if the Government will be pleased to increase her allowance in consideration of her old age and weakness ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The District Magistrate thinks that the allowance, viz., Rs. 12 per mensem and the extra allowance for clothing, is ample and with that allowance she is able to live more comfortably in South Kanara than in Malabar."

Finance

Subjects discussed at the Finance Members' Conference at Delhi.

* 1237 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the subjects which were discussed at the recent Finance Members' Conference at Delhi ;

(*b*) whether that Conference discussed any matter to be placed before the Simon Commission ; and

(*c*) whether as a result of the deliberations or decisions of that Conference, the Government propose to make any change in the financial relations between the Madras Government and the Government of India, and if so, of what nature and when ?

A.—The Local Government are not authorized to state what subjects were discussed at Conferences convened by the Government of India. The agenda of the Conference was not concerned with any political or financial issues arising out of the enquiries of the Simon Commission.

Madras Record office

Pay and powers of the Curator, Madras Record office.

* 1238 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the present pay of the Officiating Curator, Madras Central Record office, and what is his pay in his permanent appointment in the Educational Department ;